

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were rejected under §112, second paragraph, and have been amended as to form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 and 7-10 were rejected as anticipated by RIETH EP 0 108 222. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 includes, among other features, a locking lug that is adapted to be bent into one of the perforations of the perforated section and cooperate with an edge of this perforation to immobilize the perforated section against movement in translation.

The Official Action points to element 18 in RIETH as corresponding to the claimed locking lug. However, the element 18 is not adapted to be bent into one of the perforations of the perforated section and does not cooperate with an edge of this perforation to immobilize the perforated section against movement in translation. By contrast, as shown in Figure 1 of RIETH, element 18 is adapted to rest against an exterior side of the perforated section 5 and, in cooperation with other similar elements 19-21, prevent rotation of the perforated section 5 in the plane of the wall that carries the elements 16. Two hangers 3, 4 are needed to immobilize the perforated section 5.

Accordingly, these claims avoid the rejection under §102.

Claims 4-6 were rejected as unpatentable over RIETH and claim 3 was rejected as unpatentable further in view of BOGERT 3,263,388. These claims depend from claim 1 and are allowable therewith. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

New claims 11-12 have been added. These claims are allowable because the applied references do not disclose or suggest a support having two opposing walls that define an interior space therebetween, where each of the two walls has at least two claws adapted to cooperate with corresponding perforations of the perforated section, and where the claws on one wall are bent along a first fold line in a first direction into the interior space and the two claws on the other wall are bent along a second fold line parallel to the first fold line in the first direction away from the interior space. This is shown, by way of example, in Figure 1 wherein the claws (16) are bent in the same direction (generally to the right in the figure) with one set of claws inside and the other set of claws outside the space between the two walls (10). Further, the references do not disclose the claimed locking lug that is adapted to be bent along a third fold line that is perpendicular to the first fold line and into one of the perforations of the perforated section.

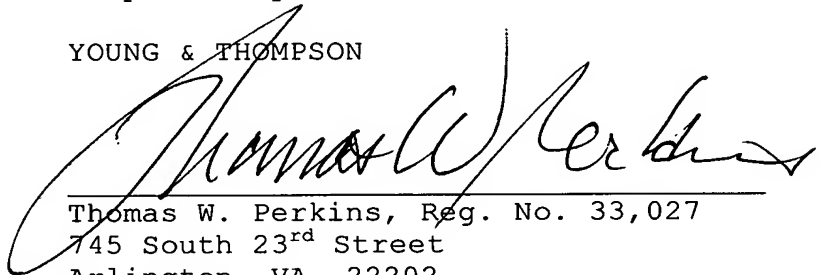
The references also do not disclose or suggest the gap defined in claims 12 and 15 or the orientation of the third fold line in claims 13 and 14.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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